

Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Update

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and concerns over the health and safety for Itasca County property owners, local township officials, and staff, the status of some Local Board of Appeal and Equalization (LBAE) meetings scheduled to occur in April are either altered in format or cancelled completely. Please see the accompanying list for updates and please check this list frequently; any updates will be added as things continue to develop or change.

The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization (LBAE) meetings are formal meetings conducted by the local township with county staff present to assist with any questions or concerns. The meetings provide an opportunity to appeal the valuation and classification of your property to your local representatives. These meetings are considered formal meetings of local government which requires them to comply with open meeting laws. The meetings must also meet specific requirements, governed by statute. Please refer to your yellow valuation notice to determine if your jurisdiction conducts a Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting or if it is an 'Open Book' meeting.

Jurisdictions and their responses to the current status of their meeting are varied, with some planning to continue their meeting as is. However, due to the state emergency declaration, and if it is still in effect as of the date of the meeting, the Boards must allow for a 'virtual' interface should a taxpayer request. This means that they must have a dedicated phone line or web meeting access for the public to attend these virtually (remotely) due to the emergency declaration. If your jurisdiction has determined to cancel the in-person meeting, please understand that it has been done due to some limitations they may have to hold a virtual meeting and done so according to MN Department of Revenue guidelines.

Itasca County Assessor's Department employees continue to be available to assist property owners with questions pertaining to their valuation and classification notices. We are encouraging property owners who have concerns to reach out to our office directly to resolve any issues as soon as possible. If a property owner still has concerns after connecting with us, they will retain the opportunity to appeal to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting scheduled for Monday, June 15th, 2020, but only if they have attended their LBAE first and specifically expressed the desire to do so and it has been documented as such. The County Board does require appointments for this meeting. In the event that your LBAE has cancelled their meeting, it has now become an "Open Book" meeting. An "Open Book" meeting is "open" for your inquiry or appeal until the County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting on June 15th, 2020.

We will post any notices of cancellation or LBAE format changes on our website, County Facebook page and at the Itasca County Courthouse. Anyone who wishes to post this notice on the door of your City or Township Hall to assist in notifying the public any changes as well, it would be greatly appreciated. We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation and patience as we work through new challenges during these difficult times. Our hope is to continue to preserve every taxpayer's right to a fair and equitable assessment. You may contact your individual assessor at the number listed on the lower left of your yellow valuation notice. The Assessor's Department can also be reached via email at assessorinfo@co.itasca.mn.us or by calling **(218) 327-2861**.

If your meeting was or is CANCELLED, PLEASE BE AWARE! This does not deny your right to appeal, please contact the Itasca County Assessor's Department at 218-327-2861 to discuss your appeal options. Be assured we are committed to all taxpayers rights to appeal and will handle your concerns as expeditiously as possible.

Note: These meetings ARE NOT a forum to appeal your taxes, the Local Board can only hear and address the 2020 assessment valuation and classification. For questions concerning your taxes, please contact the Auditor's office.

April 9, 2020

2020 LBAE Meeting Schedule

CITY/TWP NAME	DATE	TIME	FORMAT**	CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR TO APPEAL**
GOODLAND TWP	Monday, April 13, 2020	9:30 AM	Teleconference Only	William Grothe @ 218-492-4581 or goodlandtownship@gmail.com
BLACKBERRY TWP	Tuesday, April 14, 2020	9:00 AM	Teleconference Only	Call 701-802-5235, access code: 5867630#
FEELEY TWP	Tuesday, April 14, 2020	1:00 PM	Cancelled-Open Book	Nick Daigle @ 218-327-7493
GRATTAN TWP	Tuesday, April 14, 2020	10:00 AM	Teleconference Only	Jim Pierson at jpierson57630@gmail.com
ARDENHURST	Tuesday, April 14, 2020	1:00 PM	Teleconference Only	Andy Martin, Chair @612-201-8354 or Patti Mull, Clerk @ 815-693-2685
DEER RIVER TWP	Wednesday, April 15, 2020	9:30 AM	As planned and/or Teleconference	Cindy Shevich at town hall #: 246-8641
MORSE TWP	Wednesday, April 15, 2020	1:00 PM	Teleconference Only	For meeting, call 218-246-2413 or prior to Tony Troumbly @ 218-327-7465
WILDWOOD TWP	Wednesday, April 15, 2020	9:00 AM	As planned and/or Teleconference, check back for updates	Nick Daigle @ 218-327-7493
SPANG TWP	Wednesday, April 15, 2020	1:00 PM	Teleconference Only	Call 701-802-5235, access code: 1840507#
LAPRAIRIE CITY	Thursday, April 16, 2020	9:00 AM	Teleconference Only	Lisa Mrnak @ 218-326-8898
ARBO TWP	Thursday, April 16, 2020	1:00 PM	Teleconference Only	Elaine Johnson @ 218-244-5986
WIRT TWP	Thursday, April 16, 2020	10:00 AM	Teleconference Only	Cheri Carrigan @ 218-659-2734
POMROY TWP	Thursday, April 16, 2020	1:00 PM	Board will immediately recess and reconvene May 21st @ 1:00 pm	Cheryl Jackson @ 218-897-5060
WABANA TWP	Tuesday, April 21, 2020	9:00 AM	Board will immediately recess and reconvene May 19th @ 9:00 am	Christa Jetland @ 218-327-7469 or https://sites.google.com/site/wabanatownship/
BALSAM TWP	Tuesday, April 21, 2020	1:00 PM	Teleconference Only	Becca Olson @ 218-259-7733
BEARVILLE TWP	Tuesday, April 21, 2020	9:30 AM	As planned or Teleconference	William Hilback @ 218-327-7494
CARPENTER TWP	Tuesday, April 21, 2020	1:00 PM	Teleconference Only	Call 872-240-3212, access code: 250 050 509
MOOSE PARK TWP	Wednesday, April 22, 2020	10:00 AM	Cancelled -Open Book	Jim Pietila @ 218-327-7490
SAND LAKE TWP	Wednesday, April 22, 2020	1:00 PM	Teleconference Only	Jim Deeg at jdeeg@paubunyan.net
BOVEY CITY	Wednesday, April 22, 2020	9:00 AM	Cancelled -Open Book	Nick Daigle @ 218-327-7493
TROUT LAKE TWP	Wednesday, April 22, 2020	1:00 PM	Teleconference Only	Gwen Rutherford, Township Clerk or Nick Daigle @ 218-327-7493
MARCELL TWP	Thursday, April 23, 2020	9:00 AM	Board will immediately recess and reconvene May 13th @ 9:00 am	Tracy Chase, Township Clerk or Tony Troumbly @ 218-327-7465
STOKES TWP	Thursday, April 23, 2020	1:30 PM	Teleconference Only	Sharon Miller, Township Clerk or William Hilback @ 218-327-7494
SAGO TWP	Thursday, April 23, 2020	9:00 AM	Teleconference Only	Call 978-990-5109 , access code: 275973#
WAWINA TWP	Thursday, April 23, 2020	1:00 PM	Teleconference Only	Kelly Karkiainen, Township Clerk or Nick Daigle @ 218-327-7493
BOWSTRING TWP	Monday, April 27, 2020	9:30 AM	Teleconference Only	Beth Hanggi @ 507-261-2989
LAKE JESSIE TWP	Tuesday, April 28, 2020	9:30 AM	Teleconference Only	Call 201-316-9209, access code 7738905#
NASHWAIK CITY	Tuesday, April 28, 2020	1:00 PM	Cancelled-Open Book	Cory Leinwander @ 218-327-7498
COHASSET CITY	Wednesday, April 29, 2020	9:00 AM	As planned or Teleconference	Karen Blair, Deputy Clerk or Lena Schaefer @ 218-327-7492
DEER RIVER CITY	Wednesday, April 29, 2020	9:30 AM	As planned or Teleconference	Mark Box, Clerk/Treasurer or Tony Troumbly @ 218-327-7465
HARRIS TWP	Thursday, April 30, 2020	9:00 AM	Board will immediately recess and reconvene May 20th @ 9:00 am	Harris Twp clerk or Lena Schaefer @ 218-327-7492
LONE PINE TWP	Wednesday, May 6, 2020	9:30 AM	Written appeals and/or as planned	Julie Jacobson, Township Clerk (write in) or Cory Leinwander @ 218-327-7498

**Information current as of 4/28/2020 10:00 am